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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE DR. ABDEL AZIZ ABD EL HAFEZ
SOLIMAN, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR SUBJECT PROPOSAL RECEIVED
WITH REFTEL, THAT PROPOSAL IS OF INTEREST TO DR. ROBERT W.
GWADZ, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DIS-
EASES/NIH, WHO WISHES TO COLLABORATE WITH HIM. PROPOSAL IS
CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW AT NIH. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS
NEEDED REGARDING EQUIPMENT. ALTHOUGH ESSENTIALLY ALL THE
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ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET UNDER EQUIPMENT WILL BE NEEDED
FOR THE STUDY, NO DESCRIPTIONS OR SPECIFICATIONS WERE GIVEN
AND NO AMOUNTS WERE GIVEN.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED ASK SOLIMAN TO INFORM NIH WHETHER (1)
HE HAS ACCESS TO THIS EQUIPMENT OR HAS ANOTHER SOURCE OF
FUNDS FOR IT AND THEREFORE DID NOT GIVE PRICES OR (2)

WHETHER HE INTENDS TO REQUEST FUNDS FOR THE EQUIPMENT BUT DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL AND PRICE LIST.

IN CASE OF LATTER SITUATION, NIH SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATED EQUIPMENT BUDGET: 1 FLUORESCENT LEITZ ORTHOPLAN MICROSCOPE WITH FULLY AUTO CAMERA -DOLS 17,000; 1 CRYOSTAT FREEZING MICROTOME, IEC OR AO - DOLS 4,000; 2 DEEP FREEZE MINUS 90 DEGREES CENTIGRADE, REVCO (EACH DOLS 3,400) - DOLS 6,800; 1 ELECTROPHORESIS WITH SCANNER (NIH NEEDS TO KNOW THE TYPE OR ANTICIPATED APPLICATION) - ESTIMATED DOLS 2,000; 1 COLORIMETER, SPEC 20 - DOLS 600; 2 GLASS STILLs, CORNING (DOLS 1,100 EACH) - DOLS 2,200; 2 STILLs, ALL METAL (DOLS 2,700 EACH) - DOLS 5,400; 1 GAS LIQUID CHROMOTOGRAPH, FISCHER OR PACKARD - DOLS 5,000; 4 INCUBATORS, TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY CONTROLLED, FOR MOSQUITO REARING - SUGGEST WALK-IN TYPE FORMA (DOLS 6,000 EACH) - 24,000; 8 HAEMO-CYTOMETERS (DOLS 35 EACH) - DOLS 280; 1 COOLING CENTRIFUGE, SORVALL SUPERSPEED WITH HEADS FOR ALL - DOLS 7,000; 1 STATION WAGON, JEEP - DOLS 8,000; TOTAL DOLS 82,280.

3. NIH RECOMMENDS THAT THE MONKEY HOLDING-ROOM AND CAGES AND THIS ASPECT OF THE STUDY, WHICH IS NOT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THE PROPOSAL, BE DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION. WITHIN NIH EXPERIENCE MONKEYS ARE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. THIS CAN DEVELOP INTO AN EXPENSIVE FACILITY.

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4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASK SOLIMAN TO INFORM NIH HOW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WILL BE SCHEDULED, WHETHER ALL IN FIRST YEAR OR SPREAD OVER SECOND AND THIRD YEARS, AND TO INDICATE HIS CONCURRENCE IN THIS BUDGET.

5. THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT MENTION THE USE OF HUMAN SUBJECTS AS SOURCES OF PARASITES IN TESTS OF VECTOR COMPETENCE. THIS IS AN AREA OF POSSIBLE SENSITIVITY IN VIEW OF CURRENT REGULATIONS CONCERNING PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASK SOLIMAN TO OUTLINE THIS ASPECT OF HIS STUDY IN GREATER DETAIL FOR NIH.

6. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE SOLIMAN'S RESPONSE AND PROVIDE NIH WITH THE BEST TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF CALLS AND MAIL. PROPOSED US COLLABORATOR WILL BE AWAY FROM NIH FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, WHICH PRECLUDES HIS VISITING SOLIMAN TO NEGOTIATE PROJECT. FOREGOING INFORMATION IS NEEDED PROMPTLY TO COMPLETE REVIEW BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. VANCE

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